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This makes all four knights to a cover. doesn't it? I heard on the news that they've succeeded in growing a blue rose. but apparently it's more of a violet-color. so I'm almost there. but not quite. I hope they're able to make a more sky-blue rose someday.

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"This is my final wish...
You must take the Rose Princess...
And make the World yours..."

"Two Fakes, seduced by a "Kiss."

To most outsiders, high-schooler Yamamoto Ana is in a pretty enviable position. "Dominion" to four boys at her school (the cream of the crop being the Student Council President himself) ready to do her bidding whenever she commands, you'd think she'd be more happy about her situation... But so far as she's concerned, Ana is more worried about figuring out some way to free the boys themselves (and herself, in the process) from the obligations attached to their individual roles in the "Kiss Contracts." But before her rescue mission even gets off the ground, two members of the super-popular Idol group RHODECIA show up, and it seems they have a bone to pick with Ana... It turns out these two dashing young men are actually the newest variants of "Rhode Knights," but what exactly are they hiding...?

The hit "Cutie Comedy" is back, and most of the wishes of girls everywhere come true. ★

KISS OF ROSE PRINCESS

ANIS × SEIRAN

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薔薇娘のリス

Barajou no Risu
*Risu = Squirrel in JP.

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ROSE PRINCESS

CHECK!
THE LAST GREAT DEBUT OF THE CENTURY!
THE KING OF IDOL GROUPS FROM ALL OF JAPAN IS HERE!
WITH THE ARCANA CARD ON THE LINE AS THE PRIZE,
WE'VE ENTERED THE RHODE KNIGHTS INTO A TALENT COMPETITION TO FIND THE NEXT BIG IDOL GROUP!
BUT ARE WE IN THE RUNNING TO DEBUT OURSELVES?!
THAT'S A BIG NO
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Character Introduction

Yamamoto Anis

A FIRST YEAR ATTENDING SHOUBI ACADEMY. A YOUNG WOMAN WHO SECRETLY WISHES TO SOMEDAY, "DATE A FABULOUS GUY ♥" DISLIKES ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

THE RHODE KNIGHTS

Higa[illegible]aede [Red Rose]

ANIS'S CLASSMATE. TENDS TO GIVE HER A HARD TIME BECAUSE OF SOMETHING TO DO WITH A SPORTS EVENT.

ABILITY ... ATTACK TECHNIQUES

Tenjoh Mitsuru [White Rose]

A THIRD YEAR STUDENT. ALSO THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WHOSE DEVOUT FOLLOWERS INCLUDE MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE. IS ALSO EXTREMELY WEALTHY.

ABILITY ... RESTORATIVE AND DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUES

Asagi Seiran [Blue Rose]

FIRST YEAR STUDENT. BECAUSE OF HIS CUTE, GIRLISH FACE AND FIGURE, HE IS A MUCH-ADMIRED IDOL OF THE ACADEMY.

ABILITY ... ALCHEMY, SCIENCE, AND INFORMATION-RELATED TECHNIQUES

Kurama Mutsuki [Black Rose]

A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT. A PERSON OF MANY MYSTERIES, PLAGUED BY RUMORS OF HIS FEARSOME DISPOSITION. APPARENTLY LIVES IN THE BASEMENT OF THE TENJOH FAMILY'S CHURCH.

ABILITY ... SEARCH AND SEIZURE TECHNIQUES

Narumi Itsushi [Classics Professor]

THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AUTHORITY ON THE "ROSE CONTRACTS" WHICH BIND THE "DOMINION" AND HER "KNIGHTS". HOWEVER...

Ninufa [Guardian Beast]

HAS SAFEGUARDED THE CARDS EVER SINCE THE FORMATIONS OF THE CONTRACTS

Yamamoto Schwartz

ANIS'S FATHER. APPARENTLY MADE ANIS WEAR HER CHOKER FOR A VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

KISS OF ROSE PRINCESS Summary

ONE DAY, HIGH-SCHOOLER YAMAMOTO ANIS FINDS HERSELF IN THE (ENVIABLE, TO SOME, BUT CERTAINLY NOT HERSELF...) POSITION OF BEING "DOMINION" TO FOUR MUCH TALKED-ABOUT BOYS AT HER SCHOOL. AFTER SHE AND THE OTHER KNIGHTS DISCOVER, TO THEIR SHOCK, THAT THE BLUE ROSE, SEIRAN, WAS ACTUALLY AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN CREATED TO PREVENT THE DEVIL'S SEAL FROM DETERIORATING, ANIS SETS OUT TO SAVE HIS LIFE BY ENTERING THE TRUE CONTRACTS WITH HER FOUR KNIGHTS! NOW THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN THE DEVIL'S SEAL AND WHATEVER LIES BEYOND ARE THE ARCANA CARDS, MISSING FRAGMENTS OF THE SEAL WHICH ANIS AND HER KNIGHTS MUST NOW SEARCH OUT....AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE WORDS **"IDOL AUDITION"** POP OUT AT ANIS ONE DAY WHILE FLIPPING THROUGH A MAGAZINE, THE SECOND-PRIZE BEING ONE OF THE VERY CARDS THEY'RE LOOKING FOR! BUT HARSH JUDGES MIGHT NOT BE THE ONLY THING KEEPING THEM FROM THAT ELUSIVE PRIZE...

OF ALL THE PLACES TO FIND ONE OF THE ARCANA CARDS, WHICH WE NEED TO BRING THE DEVIL'S SEAL BACK TO NORMAL...
WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD THERE BE ONE AT A BOY-BAND AUDITION?!
DIS REALLY SMELLZ LIKE ONE'A DA ARCANA CARDS!!
Are you serious?!
AND THAT LEAVES US— OR SHOULD I SAY, THE FOUR RHODE KNIGHTS WITHOUT MUCH CHOICE BUT TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL
Look guys, I'm glad you showed up and all...

"BEFORE I LAY DOWN I TRY LOOKING AT IDOLS; THEY DAZZLE MY EYES."
BY ANIS.
BARAKISS POETRY CORNER
(PRIVATE COMPILATION)

...
Yes'm!
But I told you to dress like pop stars, and that's the BEST you could come up with!?
Jab
Did you honestly expect I'd care?
But YOU, Mutsuki! Why are you wearing your normal school uniform?!
and Seiren at least looks good in what he's wearing, so I'll let him slide!!
Kaede showed up in something OTHER than a tracksuit for once, so he's good.

SPARKLE
This is why I offered to let you wear one of my own outfits. We could have been a perfect match!!
You see, Mutsuki?
FLUTTER
YOU look even weirder than he does!!
"Sigh"
BLUSH
and for your information, now I totally understand why Mutsuki would want to show up in his uniform and I don't blame him one bit!
But I had them custom made after watching the DVD of "Sarashi"'s live concert at the Tokyo Dome..
Really?
Live concerts? Isn't it a little EARLY to be thinking about that?!
Ugh, look at what you did.. now everyone's laughing at us..

BAM
KYAA
More like god-class!
Hey, check out that guy! Isn't he, like, TOTALLY hot?
KYAA
murmur
murmur
whoa
YA~N~
PRODUCTION

Y'know, maybe this audition won't be as hard as we were cracking it up to be.
HMM
GLANCE
At least I can count on one thing—
FEELS LIKE A REAL PRODUCER

Oh, look! Isn't he adorable? just like a girl!
School uniforms are such a turn on~
WHA...
Are they serious?!

Kaede's just plain ol' NORMAL...
At least try not to drag us down, would ya!?
...What!?
...What do you want?
I don't like the way you're lookin' at me
Good, good, there's the card, right up there on the sign...
...Huh?
CARD
PSR, ID
Audition Information
PRIZES
CD DEBUT!!
CHATTER
CHATTER
Eeeh!?

1位 CD DEBUT
PLUS: PLASMA SCREEN
2位 CARD
DSR
The Arcana Card is the prize for SECOND place?!
AND WE THOUGHT GETTING FIRST PLACE WAS GONNA BE TOUGH...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO END UP IN A WEIRD SPOT LIKE THAT?
GLOOM
ガーん...
Hmm... This may be difficult in its own way..
You're right... If we don't get second place...!

What the hell is your problem?!
Kaede! I'm glad we've got you on our side!!
Drag us down with you!!
GRAB
ガシ
レラ

TURN
レラ
NOW what do you want...?
Again..
STARE
レラ

FIRST ROUND:
SELF-INTRODUCTION AND SPECIAL TALENT
CHATTER
CHATTER
This doesn't look good...
Wha~t do you thi~nk ?
for my spe~e~cial ta~lent,
I might sing an o~pe~ra!!
I could sing an improv piece about my love for Lady Ans for three acts, and three hours!!
Is it just me...
無視
IGNORED
...or are there a LOT of people looking in Seiran-kun's direction...?
At me?!
I'm pretty sure it's a case of intense rival-vision.
STARE

I... I'm sorry, I didn't mean it!

SHY

but it's not hard for EVERYONE to see that you're adorable, Seiran-kun.

Tenjoh-sempai and guys like him have a kind of appeal that's only noticeable by girls,

WITH SEIRAN-KUN ON OUR SIDE IT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE EASY ENOUGH FOR US TO STEAL FIRST PLACE WITH NO COMPETITION...

That's not what we want, though!

There's no point to that!!

BOOM

IF WE DON'T GET SECOND PLACE, WE CAN KISS THAT ARCANA CARD GOODBYE!!

Well, what if we went on WITHOUT Seiran-kun?

Hmm... But then we wouldn't be able to register as a four-person group.

In that case,

YANK

Huh?!

SWIPE
Wha-
What's gotten into you..?
See, we COULD just, y'know.
KAEDE?!
Try THIS.
POFF
ポフッ

DING
ちーん...
How about we have YOU perform with us?
WIG
As Seiran's replacement.
...HUH?

It seems even Kaede-kun can come up with a decent idea every now and again
You'd make a very cute boy, Ania -sama!
Well, I'll be... She looks like a young man.
A-
Are you kidding? No one's gonna believe I'm a guy with--
SMAK

And THAT'S your punishment for talkin' shit about me!
GRIN
This time you're gonna work just as hard as the rest of us for once.
That settles it.
EEEEH?!

"Four Roses," you're next.
Hmm...
Strange. The shortest one there doesn't LOOK like the boy in the picture.
Here...

HER INTERPRETATION OF IDOL BEHAVIOR IS TOTALLY WARPED...
JAB
'SUP! I.. I'M ASAGI SEIRAN, DEATH!!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU... YO!!
You can do it, Anis-sama!!
Hmm.
manager
Is that supposed to be me?
Well, he takes a damn good picture.... Maybe a little TOO good.
Alright, let's see your special talent
BAM

T/N: IN JAPANESE, "DEATH" SOUNDS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE COPULA (OR SENTENCE TERMINATOR) "DESU," WHICH AOI IS TRYING TO USE TO HER ADVANTAGE TO SEEM "HIP."

I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS ...!
I'm Tenjoh Mitsuru.
For my special talent, I'd like to perform a magic show with the rest of my group.
SUIN
...Er...
Magic, huh.
Alright, give it a shot.
Wow, he's cute.
huh?
...Tsk
...Mutsuki
First, we will levitate a person in mid-air.
WAVE
Geh!
SHWIP!

Voila!
Oh god-dammit! Not the STRINGS!
OOOH...
Ordinary people cannot see the strings produced by Black Rose Mutsuki's special ability!
by Tenjoh
FUCK YOU, BLACK ROSE! FUCK YOU!
Oh all the worthless things to tie up—
Hey Mutsuki, you mind?!

SHH
You can't just grab at me in a place like this!
Well, YOU haven't summoned me,
and unless we physically come in contact with one another, I cannot use my magic threads.
Like I said..!
He's right, Lady Anise. And besides
You mustn't shy away, we're all "men," after all

YEEK!
Hello!? I'm still hanging up here!! You guys plan on letting me down anytime soon?!
See? Even our audience seems to be enjoying it.
WHY ME?!
Ah... I almost forgot.
A SPEAR ?!
Where'd he get THAT?!
FWIP

So why don't we go ahead and CUT Kaede-kun down?
Indeed, I suppose there's not much to be had in the way of entertainment from only a body suspended in mid-air.
SHWOOM
!!!
SPLURCH
.. Wh-

Ngh...
LURCH
KAEDE!!
THUD
Phew...

WOW
Tenjoh... You're a...
Not to worry, lady. I went ahead used my magic to construct a false path going through his body.
WHISPER
O.. Oh, is that all...?
I touched you earlier so I could use my powers
One of Kaede-kun's redeeming features is his physical prowess, of course.
SHIVER
HIS EYES SCARE THE HELL OUT OF ME
SNORT
But perhaps it would have been faster to simply run him through and heal him afterwards...

So... that was your magic show huh? Thanks, that was pretty fun.
Next group please.
Was that guy awesome, or what?
Did you see that guy with the red hair?
That was sooo cool!
Okey, so maybe HE was kinda cool.
Yeah, yeah!
HUH... THAT'S FUNNY...
KAEDE'S THE POPULAR ONE?
Ladies and gents...!
He's just so... NORMAL.
Huuh...? That can't be right.

BAM!
YEEK!
SHING!
Aaaaah!!

It's an appearance by today's special guests, Rhodecia!!
Thanks for waiting ...!!
YEEEK!
THERE HE IS!!
That really rude!!

UGH, NOW I REMEMBER! RHODECIA WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A GUEST...!
KYA
KYA
KYAA
Aren't you a little early for your performance...?
WHISPER
Heh heh heh.
Those guys were putting on such an interesting show, I couldn't help myself.
IF HE SEES ME WEARING THIS, I'M SCREWED!!
You guys really showed me something interesting..
TUP
Hmm.
Y'know...
...That voice!
PERK

Yeah,
I think THAT ONE'S My favorite!
So, is that transformat -ion magic, too?
Or...
Is that REALLY Magic?
EH--
That guy...
Huh?!
HE KNOWS!! HE'S GONNA TELL!

SHFF
Idel...
Yeah, yeah!
Come on, Anis! We're getting' out of here!!
DON'T GIVE ME AWAY!
Everyone.- Please give the auditions your best shot.
Phew...
Keh
...
Ugh... That took years off my life-

FIRST ROUND
JUDGING RESULTS
CHATTER
CHATTER
TUT
Look, Amis-sama! They've posted the results for the first round!!
Eh..?
Can you believe it? We got first place!!
But..
No..
Second years, if I remember correctly... Or should I say, aren't they your classmates, Mutsuki?
That pop group -
They attend Shoubi Academy as well, do they not..?
SIGH
If he let slip that I was a GIRL, forget 2nd place, we'd be disqualified on the spot..

...We don't WANT first place!
O... Oh no, you're right!
That's awesome, but...
Most of the votes from the judges' panel went to the teams who performed song or dance numbers,
but it seems our team swept the competition by way of ballots collected from the audience
?
Excuse me...
TUT
That magic show was really good! You're not hurt, are you?
Here, would you like something to drink?
...?
...Uh, thanks...
Er... Not really...
Good luck!
It's looking like
Kaede is pretty popular!
WHISPER
What was that all about?
Hmph...
PATTER

They didn't slip me a mickey, did they?
SPORTS
BUT IT'S STILL KIND OF WEIRD TO THINK ABOUT.
SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST MORE COMFORTABLE AROUND MUTTS THAN PUREBREDS MAYBE THAT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT...
WELL, HE IS PRETTY DEPEND ABLE WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT.
SO KAEDE'S... THE POPULAR ONE, HUH?
You don't say.
Let's see, for round two, we have to...
FLIP
Eh...?
♂ A beauty pageant !?

ROUND 2, BEAUTY PAGEANT ?
They want us to dress up as GIRLS?!
I'm sorry I can't be of more help...
It says here that we only need two people to represent our team.
Who knows what would happen if I dressed up as a girl, so...
GEH
Oh great, I was afraid of this...
Are they seriously gonna make us use those wigs and clothes they have on the other side of that screen...?
Guys who are cuter than girls are all the rage right now...
It's gonna have to be two of YOU.
TURN

VWA-BAM!
If such is your command, Lady Anis,
then this beautiful specimen of a man would be only too happy to obey!!
TSK
I didn't even look him in the eye...
Okay,
Kaede it is!!
ME!?
Make up!
Sha-kiing!
Tenjoh -sempai seems like he'd LOOK better at least...
W... Well,
TURN
As for the other one.
FLINCH

I'll help you change.
DRAG DRAG DRAG
SEEMS TO ME LIKE LITTLE KAEDE'S FORGOTTEN HIS PLACE AND NABBED A FAN CLUB OF HIS OWN!
I'LL BET THEY'LL FAWN OVER HOW CUTE YOU ARE NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE WEARING!!
Spare me!! Anything but this!!
I don't wanna!
FLUTTER
Entry no. 6 from the Four Roses, Tenjoh -kun and Higa-kun!!
YEEK!
GULP
SPARKLE
WOW

SMILE
BAM!

OH MY GOD! TENJOH-SEMPAI, WHAT ARE YOU WEARING !?
I look away for one second and he=!!
SHIVER
Wow... That's so ugly it's cute!
Eeeh?
Yes?
No!
N.. NO, NO, THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF
IFFY REACTION I WAS EXPECTING...
MAY YOU SINK TO THE DEPTHS OF 2ND PLACE!!
I mean us!!
SECOND ROUND JUDGING RESULTS
No way ...!
CHATTER

第4位 DOLL
第5位 フォア・ローゼス
第6位 masque
ガーン
GLOOM
We went all the way down to 5th place...
MUTTER
It was just too gross...
It was too gross...
MUTTER
I suppose it's understandable we would drop so far in rank by comparison.
Every other team seemed to take a fairly orthodox approach to the subject.

Whatever, I just wanna get the hell out of this outfit!
I'll help!
I'm the manager, after all!
Perhaps I'll change as well.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S IMBALANCED!
Striking the perfect balance is no easy matter, so it would seem.
GLARE

ROUND THREE ITINERARY
FREE TIME
THE NEXT ROUND'S JUST A FREE-STYLE EVENT—
WHAT SHOULD WE DO THIS TIME...?
SECOND PLACE IS GONNA BE HARDER TO GET THAN I THOUGHT..
Huh... Hey Mutsuki, what'cha looking at?
.....
Down there...
POINT
Hm?
Those two...
Oh... Rhodecia.

MUTSUKI?
Ooh..
See, the thing about those two
that Idel guy in particular, I mean,
he suddenly started talking to me about something the other day.
Rhodecia, is it?
There's something troubling about them...
He was so RUDE!
...YOU UNDER-STAND...?
MUST.. THE ROSE PRINCESS...
See, the thing is..
...

...So anyway, Mutsuki.
GASP
What's bugging you?
...It's nothing.
I'm going to step outside for a bit of fresh air.
Mutsuki?
Huh ...?
CLICK
SHIFF
...Geez...

He never tells me any of the stuff that really matters...
Stupid Mutsuki.
AM I...
THAT SMALLER MEMBER OF RHODECIA
CLAK
HIS VOICE SEEMS TO BEAR A RESEMBLANCE, ALBEIT VERY SLIGHT,
TO THE ONE WHICH ATTACKED US DURING THE PHYSICAL EXAMS.
REALLY SUCH A FAILURE AT THIS WHOLE "DOMINION" THING THAT HE DOESN'T TRUST ME?

THAT VOICE,
That voice I heard... It clouds my senses so I cannot properly concentrate.
WHAT DID IT SAY TO ME?
BUT THE FACT THAT HE SPOKE WITH ANIS..
YOU, AS THE BLACK ROSE .
Could I be over thinking this...?
PROM- ISE. ME THIS..
YOU UNDER- STAND ...?
...Kuh...
WHO WILL PROVE THEMSELVES THE JUDAS OF BETRAYAL?

ROSE, WHAT PURE CONTRADICTION…

Rose, oh reiner Widerspruch

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T/N The title for this chapter is *"Auditsun da yo☆Shichihenge!"* Shichihenge is the name of a dance (in *Kabuki* theater) where one actor or actress changes outfits seven times in quick succession during a performance. This was translated to "Band of Many Faces" in reference to the move, and because of its shorter character count

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